A BODY

Henry Kick informed us that on Saturday last Samuel Moore and John Nick on the Coal Road found the body of an infant when loading sawdust at the sawmill of James Crain. It had probably been buried there several months as it crumbled to pieces when the air got to it.

The remains were loaded with the sawdust and hauled off to the field where the sawdust was being spread.

Those seeing the remains think it was that of an undeveloped child. Not much interest in the find but the Democrat thinks something should be investigated.

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We understand that the parties who started the report in regard to the finding of the body of an infant at James Crain's saw mill claim that they only started the report as a joke. Mr. Henry Kick says he had every reason to believe his information in regard to the matter was correct and would like to see the proper authorities investigate the matter.

Some joke.....EES

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COAL ROAD

The Coal Road is the railroad which ran through Matthews and down into Jackson Co.

Was it what we called the Mudline, or part of it?

Determined this road from 1902 Perry County Atlas by Cole & Co.

Also from page McDonnough's History of Randolph, Monroe, and
Perry Cos., Il. 1883.

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